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The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Bezwada Municipality is a much smaller municipality than Salem."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state the respective incomes of these two municipalities? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Not only the income but also the population has to be taken into consideration."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" Will the hon. Minister be pleased to let us have information regarding their respective population and extent? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The hon. Member can get the information from the Census Report. The population of Salem is about 103,000, while the population of Bezwada is about 55,000."

Working and finances of the newly bifurcated taluk boards.

* 244 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are satisfied with the working and finances of the newly bifurcated taluk boards; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to issue a statement of their policy with respect to such taluk boards?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clause (*c*) of question No. 10 on 31st July 1933.

(*b*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know whether it is not a fact that taluk boards in the Kistna district were stopped from conducting their elections? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Yes, it is a fact."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know whether the whole matter is under consideration and how they were able to issue orders to certain taluk boards alone? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Until the whole matter is finally decided and financial conditions of the boards improve, the Government thought it best to maintain the *status quo ante*."

Transfer of the control of cattle-pounds in the Guntur district to the panchayat boards.

* 245 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any panchayats in the Guntur district have applied for the control of cattle 'pounds' in their areas;

(*b*) whether the Government have sanctioned such control to the panchayats; and